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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Koichi Nakata

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Serial No.: New Application

Group Art Unit No.: Not Assigned

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For: Method and Apparatus for Speech  
Input Guidance

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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The references now cited are the following:

No.	Date	Name
5,809,447	September 15, 1998	Kato, et al.

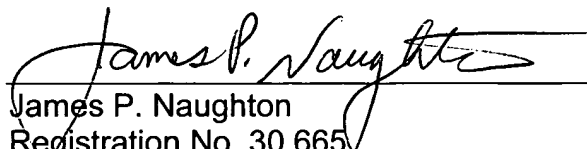
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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